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Dear Dr. Hoffman:

Thank you very much for the draft of your paper with Dr. Russell, and for asking me to become a co-signer. The idea you present is, in my opinion, a good one, but I would imagine one that would be extremely difficult to find support for in governmental circles. I would imagine that it would also be quite difficult to enlist the cooperation of "ordinary" citizens on both sides of the fence to make a large and meaningful exchange. However, one never knows, and the process you describe might eventually make a major impact.

I find myself in the position of becoming what might be called a professional petition and letter signer and, rather than diluting what is left of my usefulness along these lines, I would like to be excused from coauthoring your letter to Science. The flow of letters in the human rights arena and the nuclear war problems is quite large.

The very best of luck with your undertaking. I look forward to the publication of your statement.

Sincerely yours,

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